

## 2020-2021 GA MAXIMUMS SUMMARY SHEET

Note: The overall maximums found in *Appendices A, B, C, D, E, and F* are effective from **October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.**

### APPENDIX A - OVERALL MAXIMUMS

<u>County</u>	<u>Persons in Household</u>					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	769	786	979	1284	1371	1446

NOTE: For each additional person add \$75 per month.

(The applicable figures from Appendix A, *once adopted*, should be inserted here.)

### APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Maximum</u>
1	\$ 47.44	\$ 204
2	86.98	374
3	124.42	535
4	158.14	680
5	187.67	807
6	225.35	969
7	249.07	1,071
8	284.65	1,224

NOTE: For each additional person add \$153 per month.

### APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

<u>Number of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
0	143	615	167	716
1	143	615	168	724
2	170	733	211	907
3	230	987	279	1,200
4	234	1,005	295	1,268

(The applicable figures from Appendix C, *once adopted*, should be inserted here.)

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# Appendix A

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COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
<b>York County HMFA:</b> Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Cornish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	918	980	1,212	1,539	1,720
<b>York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA:</b> Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	1,136	1,165	1,539	1,926	2,699

\*Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

## Non-Metropolitan Areas

### Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
<b>Aroostook County</b>	649	710	831	1,119	1,200
<b>Franklin County</b>	683	729	837	1,102	1,480
<b>Hancock County</b>	836	871	1,047	1,319	1,445
<b>Kennebec County</b>	769	786	979	1,284	1,371
<b>Knox County</b>	792	795	979	1,291	1,390
<b>Lincoln County</b>	868	886	1,057	1,349	1,554
<b>Oxford County</b>	764	767	936	1,322	1,537
<b>Piscataquis County</b>	659	708	874	1,158	1,396
<b>Somerset County</b>	709	744	959	1,249	1,338
<b>Waldo County</b>	818	871	997	1,339	1,705
<b>Washington County</b>	710	713	926	1,160	1,254

\* Please Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

## Appendix B

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### 2020-2021 Food Maximums

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan. As of October 1, 2020, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	\$ 47.44	\$ 204
2	86.98	374
3	124.42	535
4	158.14	680
5	187.67	807
6	225.35	969
7	249.07	1,071
8	284.65	1,224

**Note: For each additional person add \$153 per month.**



## 2020-2021 GA Housing Maximums (Heated & Unheated Rents)

**NOTE: NOT ALL MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ADOPT THESE SUGGESTED HOUSING MAXIMUMS!** Municipalities should **ONLY consider** adopting the following numbers, if these figures are consistent with local rent values. If not, a market survey should be conducted and the figures should be altered accordingly. The results of any such survey must be presented to DHHS prior to adoption. **Or**, no housing maximums should be adopted and eligibility should be analyzed in terms of the Overall Maximum—Appendix A. (*See Instruction Memo for further guidance.*)

### **Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b><u>Aroostook County</u></b>		<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms		<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>
0		117	504	141	606
1		123	528	154	663
2		139	599	180	776
3		195	840	246	1,057
4		200	859	262	1,126
<b><u>Franklin County</u></b>		<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms		<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>
0		125	538	149	640
1		127	547	159	682
2		141	605	182	782
3		191	823	242	1,040
4		265	1,139	327	1,406
<b><u>Hancock County</u></b>		<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms		<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>
0		159	682	182	783
1		159	682	188	809
2		186	801	227	975
3		238	1,022	287	1,235
4		251	1,079	312	1,342
<b><u>Kennebec County</u></b>		<b><u>Unheated</u></b>		<b><u>Heated</u></b>	
Bedrooms		<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>
0		143	615	167	716
1		143	615	168	724
2		170	733	211	907
3		230	987	279	1,200
4		234	1,005	295	1,268

## APPENDIX D - UTILITIES

### ELECTRIC

**NOTE:** For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is *not automatically* entitled to the "maximums" established—applicants must demonstrate need.

1) **Electricity Maximums for Households *Without Electric Hot Water*:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* electric hot water and heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$14.00	\$60.00
2	\$15.70	\$67.50
3	\$17.45	\$75.00
4	\$19.90	\$86.00
5	\$23.10	\$99.00
6	\$25.00	\$107.00

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$7.50 per month.

2) **Electricity Maximums for Households *With Electrically Heated Hot Water*:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$20.65	\$89.00
2	\$23.75	\$102.00
3	\$27.70	\$119.00
4	\$32.25	\$139.00
5	\$38.75	\$167.00
6	\$41.00	\$176.00

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$10.00 per month.

**NOTE:** For electrically heated households, the maximum amount allowed for electrical utilities per month shall be the sum of the appropriate maximum amount under this subsection and the appropriate maximum for heating fuel as provided below.

## APPENDIX E - HEATING FUEL

<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

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**NOTE:** When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

## **APPENDIX F - PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES**

<b><u>Number in Household</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Amount</u></b>
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

### **SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5**

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

<b><u>Number of Children</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Amount</u></b>
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

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## **Funeral Maximums**

### **Burial Maximums**

The maximum amount of general assistance granted for the purpose of burial is **\$1,475**. The municipality's obligation to provide funds for burial purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable burial expenses are limited to:

- removal of the body from a local residence or institution
- a secured death certificate or obituary
- embalming
- a minimum casket
- a reasonable cost for necessary transportation
- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator, where there is an actual cost, for:

- the wholesale cost of a cement liner if the cemetery by-laws require one;
- the opening and closing of the grave site; and
- a lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery. If the municipality is able to provide a cemetery lot in a municipally owned cemetery or in a cemetery under municipal control, the cost of the cemetery lot in any other cemetery will not be paid by the municipality.

### **Cremation Maximums**

The maximum amount of assistance granted for a cremation shall be **\$1,025**.

The municipality's obligation to provide funds for cremation purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable cremation expenses are limited to:

- removal and transportation of the body from a local residence or institution
- professional fees
- crematorium fees
- a secured death certificate or obituary

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- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator where there is an actual cost, for:

- a cremation lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery
- a reasonable cost for a burial urn not to exceed \$55
- transportation costs borne by the funeral director at a reasonable rate per mile for transporting the remains to and from the cremation facility.